



Happy 2011! Classes and Bible studies were adjourned mid-December for summer break, Sydney and Skylar got out of school on December 17, and we traveled on the night of the 17th to the U.S.A.! We were very blessed to be able to spend 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ weeks in the States with our family and friends, celebrating Christ's birth and bringing in 2011 together. Many special moments and lots of delicious food were shared together!

While in the States, it was our pleasure to share our hearts about missions and how God is working in Peru with 9 of our prayer warrior teams: FB McLain, FB Lucedale, Central Baptist, RC Baptist, RC WMU, New Beginnings, Antioch Christian Academy, FB Leakesville, and our home church—Agricola Baptist. It was very uplifting to hear encouraging words of support. It was also a blessing to be able to speak to several students at ACA about missions. We send a special thank you to each for your prayers and support!

On the 12th of January, we arrived back in Peru a day later than expected, due to delayed flights. After a little

rest, we met with Felicia's orthopedic surgeon on the 14th, and he was not pleased with the swelling in her foot, ankle, and leg. However, he wrapped her foot and set the surgery up for the following morning.

Ready for the surgery, the doctor took one look at her foot and postponed it. The swelling had not gone away. We attributed the swelling to the long delay in the airport and no elevation of the leg for 24+ hours. Thankfully, two of our Peruvian friends/translators were present for the rest of our day to help us with language!

Dr. Suarez ordered an echo Doppler scan on Felicia's leg, and the doctor found nothing at first below the knee. He also blamed it on our travels, but he said "something told me to look above the knee." A blood clot was found in the upper groin area. We know *that* "something" was God!

Then, we saw a cardiologist who spoke very good English. He prescribed 2 injections in the stomach and 1 to 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ pills of blood thinner per day until Felicia's I.N.R. level increased to 2.0+. She had to get her blood checked every 2 days,

rest in bed, and wear a compression bandage to decrease the swelling.

Currently, the doctors have coordinated together, and the outpatient surgery to remove the screw is scheduled for Saturday, February 5, at 9 AM (Lima time/8 AM CST). Another scan will be conducted several days before and after to see if the blood clot has increased in size. Felicia will have to get off of her blood thinner pill and restart injections. The day of the surgery, she will have to have a blood test to make sure her I.N.R. has decreased to below 1.5. We praise God for all the provisions He made and continues to make for us. Please continue to pray for her health, surgery, and to be able to walk again soon!

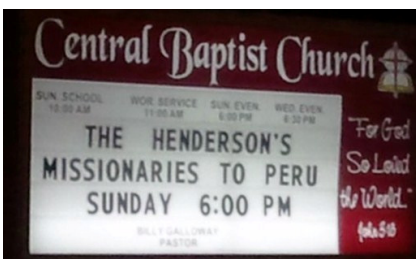
Skylar and Sydney have several more weeks of freedom and laziness during their summer break. They will begin their 2nd term of their school year on February 23.

This past week, Brian signed up for 2 online seminary courses from NOBTS to complete his ministry certificate. He has also been busy coordinating translators



with trips as the season of groups coming in gets busier. Classes and Bible studies will begin at the end of February, so during her "rest," Felicia sent out emails to 202 former students and event invitations to 166 connections on Facebook.

While we were in the States, many of you asked when our term will end. We were told to wait until the beginning of the year for a definite answer. As we look ahead to what the future holds, we will finish our term on June 30 and will tentatively return home on July 1. Please pray for us as we begin to send out resumes and seek God's guidance on what journey He has in store for us next.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

February 5- Felicia's surgery (9 AM Lima time/8 AM CST)

February 19, 23, 24, & 26— Translator training, English, and Bible studies begin.

February 23—Skylar and Sydney start their 2nd term of school

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Felicia's blood clot to dissolve and others not to form
Felicia's surgery on the 5th:
Doctors & staff, peaceful and easy surgery, and for speedy recovery/learning to walk again

Our health, safety, and well-being (physical, emotional, spiritual)

Skylar & Sydney to finish their 2nd term of school well

Our classes to bring great glory to Him as students and translators come to know & walk closer with Him

Wisdom, discernment, and obedience as we serve Him in our next journey

Pray for George/Greene teams as they make preparations for visiting the 4 adopted villages in March and April

Brian to receive his seminary books QUICKLY, do well, and not stress out

Felicia's family back home

PRAISES:

For safe and fun travels to and from U.S.A.

For God's protection and provisions regarding Felicia's health

For our families, friends, and prayer warriors who made our stay in the States so BLESSED

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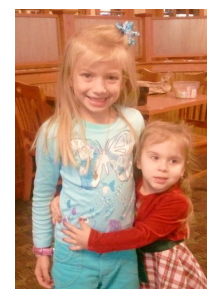
ENJOYING COUSINS!!!



Slate and Skylar



Sydney, Nicole, Skylar, & Breanna



Sydney and Peyton